**Liberty! The American Revolution Episode 1: The Reluctant Revolutionaries**

**Directions: Answer the questions based on the film. The questions are listed in the order they appear in the film, and you do not need to use complete sentences.**

1. What was the “revolutionary” idea that Revolutionary Americans came up with that the commentator points out at the beginning of the film?
2. How do most colonists in the 1760's feel about being part of the British Empire?
3. What is the young George Washington determined to be in his 30's?
   1. John Adams?
   2. Benjamin Franklin?
4. How do the English see Franklin and the other colonial leaders and why?
5. What does the English parliament announce to the colonies in 1765?
6. What was the reaction to the Stamp Act in America and why?
7. How did the Colonial leaders resist the Stamp Act economically?

1. Who would NOT have been affected by the Stamp Act?
2. How did people in Massachusetts react to the Stamp Act?
3. What is Franklin’s reaction to the Stamp Act while he’s in London?
4. What happens in February 1766 to the Stamp Act?
5. What does Nicholas Kreswell say about the colonialists?
6. Why were some people in England wary about the English Colonies in America?

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1. What was the Declaratory Act
2. Why did the colonists get so upset about the Declaratory Act?
3. What was the 18th century notion that there were “gentlemen” and regular folk?
4. What did the British do in 1770 to restore order in Massachusetts?
5. How was Paul Revere's picture of the “Boston Massacre” inaccurate?
6. What does Franklin do with Thomas Hutchison's letters in 1772?
7. What does English Parliament decide to do in the Fall of 1773? How do the colonists react to this?
8. What happened on December 16th, 1773?
9. Who did the English plan to make the scapegoat for the problems in the colonies during the Trial of Thomas Hutchison?
10. What did Benjamin Franklin say as he left this trial? “
11. Who took charge of the British Parliament once Franklin was forced to leave England, and what is the first thing they do?

**Short Essay:**

*The title of this 53 min. documentary is the “Reluctant Revolutionaries”. After watching the detailed story of this chapter of our nation's history, write out a short paragraph explaining how the events of the latter half of the 18th century turned many Americans into “reluctant revolutionaries”. Could this have been avoided? Why did Americans only revolt reluctantly and what changed them?*